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Honorable Jere Wood, Mayor
City of Roswell
38 Hill St
Roswell, GA 30075-4563

RE: Continuing Certification of a Local Issuing Authority pursuant to the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975, as amended (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-1, et seq.)

Dear Mayor Wood:

As per the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-8(a)(2)), Local Issuing Authorities must amend their ordinances within 12 months of any amendment to the Act. Therefore, the deadline for Local Issuing Authorities to amend their local erosion and sedimentation ordinances to reflect the 2009 and earlier amendments to the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act is **July 1, 2010**.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) believe that it is in the best interest of local governments to retain their Local Issuing Authority status. A model erosion and sedimentation ordinance is available on the GSWCC website at <http://gaswcc.georgia.gov> to assist Local Issuing Authorities in revising their ordinances. Continuing the certification of a Local Issuing Authority is conditioned upon the implementation and utilization of an ordinance that meets or exceeds the standards, requirements and provisions of the Act.

We suggest that you address this matter at your earliest convenience. Should you have any questions, please contact Frank Carubba of my staff at (404) 675-1634.

Sincerely,



Lawrence W. Hedges

Program Manager

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